REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The instant case was allowed on February 7, 2006. Applicant submits this Rule 312 amendment in order to merely change the dependency of claims 8 and 10 so as to depend from claim 6 (instead of claim 7). It is respectfully requested that this Rule 312 amendment be entered, since it does not affect the scope of any independent claim.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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